

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment claim 3 is amended to no longer recite any multiple dependencies, and subject matter of the canceled multiple dependencies is now set forth in new dependent claim 9.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

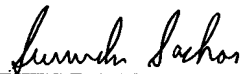
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